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SUBJ: SOCIAL CREDIT MPS CHARGED WITH EVADING TAXES

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1. EIGHTEEN QUEBEC MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL CREDIT (SOCRED) PARTY, INCLUDING TWO MPS (GILBERT RONDEAU AND EUDORE ALLARD) WERE CHARGED SEPT 22 WITH TAX EVASION. THE CHARGES REPORTEDLY RELATE TO 1974 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. COMMENT: WHILE PARTICULAR INDICTMENTS ARE A SURPRISE, SOCRED NIMBLENESS IN DEALING WITH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS HAS BEEN COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN OTTAWA FOR YEARS. COMING ON EVE OF SOCRED LEADERSHIP CONVENTION TO ELECT SUCCESSOR TO REAL CAQUETTE NOV 6-7, THIS IS, OF COURSE, AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE PARTY. BUT, WITH DEPARTURE OF CAQUETTE, PROSPECT WAS THAT PARTY WOULD SPLINTER AND THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD MERELY HASTEN THE PROCESS. (SEE REFAIR). IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER LIBERALS OR PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES WILL PICK UP MOST OF THE PIECES.
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